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**DOCKET FAA-2002-13464, SNPRM 02-17: IMPROVED SEATS IN AIR CARRIER TRANSPORT CATEGORY AIRPLANES**

Dear Madam/Sir,

Airbus hereby requests a 90-day extension of the comment period on SNPRM 02-17 – until March 3, 2003.

After initial review of the proposal, we found it significantly different from NPRM 88-8 and further proposals presented in public meetings. Considering the complexity of the subject and its potential impact on operators and manufacturers, we believe that it would serve the public interest to grant a 5-month comment period, as was the case for the initial NPRM. This period is needed to gather and analyze data, and prepare a meaningful response.

Yours sincerely,

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